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NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:			OFFICIAL USE ONLY
SPP CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC.			FIRM I.D. NO.
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF 340 MADISON AVENUE	F BUSINESS: (Do not use	e P.O. Box No.)	
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NEW YORK	NY		0173
(City)	(State)	(2	Lip Code)
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTA	COUNTANT IDENT		Report*
CITRIN COOPERMAN & CO	OMPANY, LLP ne - if individual, state last. firs	t. middle name)	
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(Address)	(City)	(State)	
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*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(c)(2)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, AMY LAZARUS, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement
and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of <u>SPP CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC</u> , as of <u>DECEMBER 31, 2012</u> , are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer, or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:
Myth
Signature /
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
MARIE DIMICHELE Title Notary Public, State of New York
No. 03-4993592 Cualified in Westchester County
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Notary Public
This report ** contains (check all applicable boxes): (a) Facing Page.
(b) Statement of Financial Condition. (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
(d) Statement of Cash Flows.
(e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital. (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
(g) Computation of Net Capital. (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
(i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
(j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods
of consolidation. [I] An Oath or Affirmation.
 ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report. ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the
previous audit.
(o) Independent auditor's report on internal control.

^{* *} For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17 a-5(e)(3).



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Member SPP Capital Partners, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of SPP Capital Partners, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2012, that is filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the related notes to the statement of financial condition.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of SPP Capital Partners, LLC as of December 31, 2012, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Citrus Corporation & Concrete, LVP CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTAINTS

February 27, 2013

ASSETS

Cash Fees and other receivables Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, net of	\$	2,619,378 20,365
accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$165,247 Other assets		162,020 73,917
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2,875,680
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S DEFICIT		
Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Deferred rent Subordinated borrowings Total liabilities	\$	1,677,153 183,429 1,100,000
Commitments and contingencies (Note 9)		2,960,582
Member's deficit	 	(84,902)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S DEFICIT	\$	2,875,680

NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

SPP Capital Partners, LLC (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer under the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). The Company is engaged in investment banking activities, which include private placements and underwriting of securities and corporate finance advisory services.

The Company does not hold funds or securities for, or owe any money or securities to, customers, and does not carry accounts of, or for, customers. Accordingly, the Company is exempt from the provisions of Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 15c3-3 under paragraph (k)(2)(ii).

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SPP Holdings, LLC (the "Parent").

Since the Company is a limited liability company, the member is not liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, unless the member has signed a specific guarantee.

Pursuant to the Company's limited liability company agreement, the Company will dissolve on December 31, 2048, or at such earlier time as determined by the member.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue recognition

Corporate finance fees on private placements or securities underwriting are generally recorded at the time the transaction is completed, unless a contractual arrangement provides for a fee in the absence of closing, in which case fees are recorded when earned. Fees receivable include reimbursable expenses allowed under the terms of advisory services agreements. Service fees earned are based on an agreement with an affiliate (see Note 7).

Use of estimates

The preparation of a statement of financial condition in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the statement of financial condition. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Fees receivable

Fees receivable are stated at the amount the Company expects to collect. The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. Management considers the following factors when determining the collectability of specific customer accounts: customer creditworthiness, past transaction history with the customer, current economic industry trends, and changes in customer payment terms. If the financial condition of the Company's customers was to deteriorate, adversely affecting their ability to make payments, additional allowances would be required.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fees receivable (continued)

Based on management's assessment, the Company provides for estimated uncollectible amounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation allowance. Balances that remain outstanding after the Company has made reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable.

No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since management believes that all receivables at December 31, 2012, are collectible.

Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements

Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation on furniture and equipment is computed on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of five years. Amortization of leasehold improvements is on a straight-line method over the term of the lease.

Subsequent events

The Company evaluates events occurring after the date of the statement of financial condition for potential recognition or disclosure in its statement of financial condition. The Company did not identify any material subsequent events requiring adjustment to or disclosure in its statement of financial condition except as stated in Note 9.

NOTE 3. FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS

Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements consisted of the following at December 31, 2012:

Furniture and fixtures	\$ 89,774
Computer equipment	147,411
Leasehold improvements	 90,082
-	327,267
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	 (165,247)
Furniture, equipment and leasehold	
improvements, net	\$ 162,020

NOTE 4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consisted of the following at December 31, 2012:

Employee and member bonus expense	\$ 1,367,163
Profit-sharing expense	156,360
Other operating expenses	89,673
Interest expense	22,129
Tax expense	28,307
Due to SPP Mezzanine Partners II, LLC	 13,521
Total	\$ 1,677,153

NOTE 5. SUBORDINATED BORROWINGS

The subordinated loan from the Parent bears interest at a rate equal to the prevailing prime rate of interest plus 1%; however, the rate on the loan has a floor of 10.5% and a ceiling of 12.5%.

The subordinated loan, which matures on October 6, 2015, has been approved by FINRA and is available in computing net capital under the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule. To the extent that such borrowings are required for the Company's continued compliance with minimum net capital requirements, they may not be repaid.

Interest expense on the subordinated loan for the year ended December 31, 2012, was \$115,500, of which \$19,250 is unpaid and is included in "Accounts payable and accrued expenses" in the statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2012.

NOTE 6. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Company sponsors a 401(k) plan, the SPP Capital Partners, LLC Pension Plan (the "Plan"), which includes a profit-sharing plan covering all eligible employees. The Company contributes up to a maximum of 3% of an employee's base salary, dependent upon the employee also making elective salary deferrals. The Company may also make discretionary contributions to the Plan. Employees vest in the employer's contribution over a three-year period after the first year of service.

NOTE 7. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has a service agreement with SPP Mezzanine Partners II, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent. The agreement provides for advisory fees to be paid to the Company monthly, as well as an advisory bonus to be calculated based on 5.35% of the affiliate's net profit before bonus. The agreement also provides for an additional fee equal to the amount of SPP Mezzanine Partners II, LLC's year-to-date revenues minus expenses, which includes the advisory fees and bonus.

NOTE 8. INCOME TAXES

The Company is treated as a partnership for tax purposes and, as such, is not liable for federal, state or local income taxes. As a single-member limited liability company, and therefore a disregarded entity for income tax purposes, the Company's assets, liabilities, and items of income, deduction and credit are combined with and included in the income tax returns of the Parent. The Parent is subject to the New York City unincorporated business tax. In accordance with the intercompany tax policy, the Company pays to or receives from the Parent amounts equivalent to the New York City tax charges based on separate company taxable income or loss.

The Company recognizes and measures its unrecognized tax benefits in accordance with FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes*. Under that guidance, the Company assesses the likelihood, based on their technical merit, that tax positions will be sustained upon examination based on the facts, circumstances and information available at the end of each period. The measurement of unrecognized tax benefits is adjusted when new information is available, or when an event occurs that requires a change.

With few exceptions, the Parent and the Company are no longer subject to federal, state or local tax examinations by taxing authorities for years before 2009.

NOTE 9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Operating leases

The Company conducts its operations from a facility that is leased under a non-cancelable operating lease expiring on April 15, 2019, for its office space in New York City. The future minimum rental payments required under this lease as of December 31, 2012, are summarized below:

Year ending December 31:	<u> </u>	<u>Amount</u>		
2013	\$	373,545		
2014		373,545		
2015		373,545		
2016		373,545		
2017		358,557		
Thereafter		<u>534,953</u>		
	\$	2,387,690		

Deferred rent

The total amount of rent under the operating lease is reflected in operations on the straight-line method over the remaining term of the lease. The difference between rental expense recorded and the amount of rent actually paid is reflected in the statement of financial condition as "Deferred rent."

Employment agreements

The Company has entered into employment agreements with three key employees that expire on December 31, 2015. These agreements provide for (1) annual base salaries, (2) additional compensation intended to provide for incremental personal income taxes paid by the employees due to their membership in the Company, and (3) annual bonuses, which include a base bonus, a supplemental bonus and an incentive bonus, all defined in the employment agreements. The total amount of the bonuses for the year ended December 31, 2012, was \$594,445, of which \$372,095 was payable and is reflected in "Accounts payable and accrued expenses" in the statement of financial condition as of December 31, 2012.

Revolving credit facility

The Parent has a revolving credit facility with a group of lenders that can be used to provide the Company with subordinated financing up to \$1,671,503 at December 31, 2012. The facility has a maturity date of October 6, 2015. Any borrowings made under this line of credit bear interest at the prime rate plus 2% per annum.

At December 31, 2012, \$373,545 of this credit facility was assigned as a security deposit under the lease described above.

NOTE 9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

Contingencies

From time to time, the Company may be a party to litigation or regulatory proceedings arising during the ordinary course of operations. Subsequent to December 31, 2012, the Company was asked to sign a letter requesting that the Company not assert the passage of time (the "Tolling Agreement") as a defense in a matter related to a claim by an investor in the equity of Allied Fiber, LLC ("Allied Fiber"), a former client of the Company. Management has not agreed to sign the Tolling Agreement. After consultation with its legal counsel, the Company believes that this claim is without merit and that the ultimate resolution of this matter will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition.

NOTE 10. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Company maintains its cash accounts at three commercial banks. Amounts held in a single account may at times exceed the federal insurance limit of \$250,000.

NOTE 11. REGULATORY NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

As a registered broker-dealer, the Company is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule ("SEC Rule 15c3-1"), which requires the maintenance of minimum regulatory net capital and that the Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, not exceed 15 to 1. Net capital and aggregate indebtedness change from day to day. As of December 31, 2012, the Company had net capital of \$1,506,813, which exceeded the Company's net capital requirement of \$124,039 by \$1,382,774. The Company's percentage of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 123% at December 31, 2012.